



State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 49.165 (2) (b) 3., 49.165 (2) (b) 5., 49.165 (2) (f) 5. a., 49.165 (2)
2 (f) 5. b., 49.165 (2) (f) 5. c. and 49.165 (2) (f) 5. d.; **to renumber and amend**
3 49.165 (2) (f) 5. (intro.); **to amend** 49.165 (2) (f) 1., 49.165 (2) (f) 6. (intro.),
4 49.165 (2) (f) 9., 49.165 (2) (f) 10. and 49.165 (2m) (intro.); and **to repeal and**
5 **recreate** 49.165 (2) (f) 6. b. of the statutes; **relating to:** various changes to the
6 domestic abuse grant program (suggested as remedial legislation by the
7 Department of Children and Families).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families distributes grants to various organizations to provide services to victims of domestic abuse. This bill makes various changes to the domestic abuse grant program.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the

Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.165 (2) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes an obsolete cross-reference.

2 **SECTION 2.** 49.165 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes an undefined term that is not currently used by DCF to determine eligibility for domestic abuse services grants.

3 **SECTION 3.** 49.165 (2) (f) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 49.165 (2) (f) 1. Award ~~\$545,000 in grants in fiscal year 1997-98~~ and at least
5 \$995,000 in grants in each fiscal year thereafter to organizations for domestic abuse
6 services that are targeted to children. In awarding the grants, the department shall
7 use a competitive request-for-proposals process and, to the extent possible, shall
8 ensure ~~that the~~ a statewide distribution of grants are equally distributed on a
9 statewide basis.

NOTE: This SECTION deletes an obsolete reference and replaces the requirement that grants be distributed equally across the state with a requirement that grants be distributed statewide.

10 **SECTION 4.** 49.165 (2) (f) 5. (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 49.165 (2) (f)
11 5. and amended to read:

12 49.165 (2) (f) 5. Expend \$20,700 in each fiscal year to contract with a ~~nonstate~~
13 nongovernmental agency to ~~do all of the following: provide ongoing information,~~
14 training, and technical assistance to domestic abuse victim service providers on
15 preventing homelessness and promoting economic independence for domestic abuse
16 victims.

NOTE: This SECTION replaces the term “nonstate” with “nongovernmental” and includes the functions to be performed by the nongovernmental agency with which DCF contracts in the same statutory subdivision.

17 **SECTION 5.** 49.165 (2) (f) 5. a. of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 6.** 49.165 (2) (f) 5. b. of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 7.** 49.165 (2) (f) 5. c. of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 8.** 49.165 (2) (f) 5. d. of the statutes is repealed.

NOTE: SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, and 8 delete obsolete or updated functions that are performed by the nongovernmental agency with which DCF contracts.

3 **SECTION 9.** 49.165 (2) (f) 6. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 49.165 (2) (f) 6. (intro.) Expend at least \$69,700 in each fiscal year to contract
5 with a nongovernmental agency to provide ongoing written resources, training, and
6 technical assistance to do all of the following:

7 **SECTION 10.** 49.165 (2) (f) 6. b. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

8 49.165 (2) (f) 6. b. Enable family law attorneys and others to appropriately
9 assist and advocate for victims of domestic abuse.

NOTE: SECTIONS 9 and 10 amend current law to change the amount DCF spends each fiscal year to contract with a nongovernmental agency for services relating to housing programs to a minimum amount it must spend. These sections amend current law to add that the nongovernmental agency must provide written resources, in addition to the training and technical assistance provided under current law, and must also additionally enable family law attorneys and others to assist and advocate for victims of domestic abuse.

10 **SECTION 11.** 49.165 (2) (f) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 49.165 (2) (f) 9. Award a grant in each fiscal year to End Domestic Abuse
12 Wisconsin; the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence toward the cost of a
13 staff person to provide assistance in obtaining legal services to domestic abuse
14 victims.

NOTE: This SECTION changes the name of a service provider that receives a grant from DCF to reflect the provider's current name.

15 **SECTION 12.** 49.165 (2) (f) 10. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 49.165 (2) (f) 10. Award a grant grants of at least \$563,500 in each fiscal year
17 to the Refugee Family Strengthening Project for providing domestic abuse services
18 to the refugee population, former refugee, or immigrant populations. Funding may
19 be used to hire bilingual staff persons, especially those who speak Hmong.

